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## Presents—

When you wish to buy a Wedding or Birthday Present do not fail to carefully look through our stock.

See Our STERLING SILVER GOODS,  
SILVER PLATED WARES,  
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Great Clearance Sale of  
Winter Goods is Now On.  
See Circular Enclosed.

## What Our January Offering in Dress Goods Means

It means that all those pretty fabrics which you and others have admired are price clipped to about one-half to take them away. Every yard was bought for regular trade, and there are no slimy, flashy fabrics at any price. Come and get samples; consult your dressmaker. It's a chance for the cheapest stylish gown you ever had.

J. Hutcheson & Co.

January 20th, 1896.

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To 30 Cents per lb.

The  
Finest  
Delta  
Creamery  
Butter

Arrives each steamer and sold only by

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## Snow or Rain

We are ready for business. All  
business has a money  
basis.

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#### A little Cash Talk with Our Patrons

Sugar has gone up and it is 20 lbs. for \$1.00, 7 lbs. Rolled Oats for 25¢ is a starter for Breakfast. Pratt's Astral Oil, NOT REFILLED tins, \$1.50; Jam, 5 lb. pails, 40¢; Seafoam Soap, light as a bubble, try it.

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## GEO. POWELL & CO., —Cheapside.

### The Oxford Range

Leads them all in Style, Economy and Price. Just the Range you want.

Our Lines of Tinware, Glassware, Crockery and Hardware are complete.

Carpenters Tools a Specialty.



CHEAPSIDE, 127 Government St.

## Don't Cough

But if you do cough, take  
LONDON HOSPITAL COUGH CURE  
and you WON'T COUGH.

JOHN COCHRANE, Druggist.

N.-W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SOCIAL DANCE will be given by the Tyrolean Club, at Oliver's Hall, Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. Coffee and cake. Gentlemen 25c. Ladies free. Ja23-1

WANTED—Situation as nurse, by girl of 16. Address "A. R. C." Times office. Ja22-2

SHINGLES FOR SALE—In quantities to suit purchaser; \$1.10 per thousand, delivered at Inner harbor. Apply, Munn, Holland & Co., 26 1/2 Broad St.

WANTED—Lot within five minutes' walk of the Fountain. Address "A. A." stating price. 45 Hillside Ave. Ja23-1

WANTED—Situation as general servant by an experienced girl. Address D. K., Times office. Ja23-2

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Changes for standing advertisements must be handed in at the office before 11 a.m. of the day the "Change" is desired to appear.

## Push the Button

Of our bell at any hour of the night and you will be promptly attended to. We are light sleepers.

Dean & Hiscoks,  
Chemists and Druggists, Corner of  
Yates and Broad Streets.

## To Rent or Lease

## THE SIDNEY SAW MILL

Equipped with all modern improvements. For terms and further information apply to

HEISTERMAN & CO.,  
75 Government St.

## Vancouver Island Building Society

The Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at Sir William Vlamingh's Social Hall, Broad street, on Thursday, January 30th, 1896, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Board of Directors and Secretary, and the balance sheet and statement of the Secretary and Treasurer for the year ended December 31st, 1895, and also the report of Officers and Board of Management for the ensuing year; for holding the 54th Drawing for an appropriation, and the transference of such business as may be brought before the meeting.

By order.

B. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

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## Notice.

## THE FISH AND FRUIT MARKET,

No. 44 1/2 Government St.

Opposite the office of E. M. Johnson, has been purchased by me. I beg to solicit the patronage of all old customers and as many new ones as possible to this market. It will be my aim to keep on hand a fine supply of FISH, GAME, FRUITS AND POULTRY, as seasonable and of first quality, at moderate prices to suit the times.

J. P. SARANTIS.  
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 22, 1896.

## Liberal Association.

A meeting of the Victoria West Liberals will be held

## THIS EVENING

at 8 o'clock at Oldershaw's Rooms.

## Opposition Committee

No. 2

WILL MEET...

## THIS EVENING

AT THE...

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOMS,

22 Broad Street

At 7:30 o'clock.

## MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE.

The Epworth League of La Salle After Delinquent Executives.

Ottawa, Illinois, Jan. 23.—The grand jury has indicted the executives of four cities and villages in La Salle county as follows: Andrew Hebel, mayor of Peru; F. W. Matheson, mayor of La Salle; H. Russel, president of the village board of Utica; John Tallam, president of the village board of Kangley. The indictments are based upon the principle of law that every official is responsible for all his own acts. These executives are charged with malfeasance in office, in neglecting to keep the saloons of their cities and towns closed on Sunday. The members of the Epworth League of La Salle furnished the testimony upon which the indictments were returned.

See the prize puzzle in the window at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson St.

Sheffield cutlery at Fox's, 78 Government street.

People of good taste use Odorama for their teeth—Do you?

American News.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 23.—A steady rain has been falling in the lower Missouri valley for over a week and many farms have been inundated. The damage done to property will exceed a considerable sum. The railroads are also great sufferers, and the delay in traffic is serious. The water promises to go higher as it is still raining.

Pocket knives, scissors, etc., a specialty at Shore's Hardware.

## WAITING FOR TUPPER

### HE DESERVES LYNCHING.

A Brute Incarnate Who would be Better Dead than Alive.

Fowler, Ind., Jan. 23.—Albert Tollis, of Brook, has been brought here and lodged in jail to prevent his being lynched. On Sunday night Tollis was annoyed by the crying of his eight months old baby. He seized it and squeezed the helpless little one's head between his knees until the blood gushed from its ears and nose. The child died next day. A charge of murder has been preferred against the inhuman father.

### GREAT BRITAIN AND BRAZIL

Are on Perfectly Friendly Terms with Each Other—Italy's Claim.

London, Jan. 23.—The Brazilian legation of this city has made public the following dispatch from the Brazilian government: "Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 22.—The Brazilian government denies officially the reports spread in Europe during the past few days by telegrams from Rio de Janeiro and New York that the relations of the Brazilian government with Great Britain are of an unfriendly character, and says that the claim of Italy is in course of settlement. The cruise of the Benjamin Constant has no connection with the Island of Trindad.

### HAMMOND'S CASE SERIOUS.

His Friends Say He is Made to Suffer For Others' Sins.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—John Hayes Hammond, the American engineer, is evidently in serious danger in the Transvaal. Urgent cablegrams were received last night by Harry Creswell, the city and county attorney, and M. E. Tarpie, a prominent Democratic politician. A third came to Col. H. I. Thornton, but as the latter is dead it was opened by his nephew, Mr. Creswell. The cablegrams were dated Newcastle, Natal, Jan. 22; as Newcastle is a long way from the Transvaal, it is thought that the messages were smuggled through and therefore represent the situation better than any previously received here. The message addressed to Mr. Creswell is as follows: "Exert your influence to help Hammond. He is with sixty of us in Pretoria jail. He has been taken as one of the ringleaders, and, unless some radical measures are taken by our government, he will be made to suffer for the sins of others, for which he is in no way responsible."

### IT WOULD EMPTY THE BOX.

A Supposed Claim of Nearly \$200,000,000 Against the U. S. Government.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—A special from Champaign, Ill., says: A conference was held here between L. C. Blaisdell and twenty other citizens of Champaign on the one side and A. J. Kinckendall of Springfield, Capt. J. L. Abel and John T. Ferguson on Decatur, on the other, on measures for pressing a huge claim against the government. The gentlemen named, after conferring with the citizens of Indianapolis, will proceed to Washington. The claim referred to is based on the alleged assignment, thirty years or more ago, to Charles Durkee, then governor of Utah, to Charles Durkee, then governor of Utah, of over \$60,000,000 worth of Union Pacific bonds. L. C. Blaisdell is the trustee for the heirs of Durkee and has spent much time and money in the investigation of their claims. He says the late Secretary Folger admitted the existence of the assignment upon these bonds, and Blaisdell says he has the best legal advice that the principal and interest, now amounting to nearly \$200,000,000, is recoverable for the benefit of the Durkee heirs.

### EVERY PROTECTION GIVEN.

In South America, the Brazilian Minister Says.—Schooner Crosby.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Senor Salvador de Mendonca, minister to the United States from Brazil, writing to the Washington Post, commenting on Mr. Chauncey M. Depew's speech before the New York Bar Association, says there is as much security to life and property in the South America republics as in the United States.

In answer to a resolution the President has transmitted to the house the correspondence relative to the firing upon the American schooner Henry Crosby by soldiers of the Dominican government in 1893. In substance it is shown that the Crosby came to anchor off the old closed port of Afina, just after the governor had been assassinated, and when the people were on the watch to prevent the escape of the assassins. The captain of the vessel, not knowing where he was, sent a boat to shore to inquire. Before a landing could be made a party of armed men appeared on the beach, which alarmed the mate, who turned the boat towards the schooner. Thereupon he was fired at by the party ashore, with the result that two sailors were wounded. The owners of the schooner, which hailed from Brewer, Maine, and the officers and crew promptly put in claims for damages, \$50,000 for the owners, \$15,000 for each of the two wounded men, and \$14,000 for each of the officers. The claims were refused, except for actual damages as a result of the affair, the state department refusing to back up the larger claims.

### Cable News.

Paris, Jan. 23.—It is announced today that by the terms of the treaty signed January 18th, the island of Madagascar is declared a French possession. The remains of the Prince are on the way to England, on board the British cruiser Blonde, on which vessel he died. The body will be interred at Windsor and the ceremony will be similar to those performed at the burial of the remains of the Duke of Albany (Prince Leopold), younger son of the Queen, who died in 1854.

### BRINGING THE BODY HOME.

Prince Henry, of Battenburg, Remains on Board the Blonde.

London, Jan. 23.—A dispatch received here from the Isle of Wight says that the Queen and Princess Beatrice passed a bad night. It is added that their health was affected by the shock experienced when the news of the death of Prince Henry, of Battenburg, was made known to them.

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—China tea sets at Cheapside.

## A VASSAL OF RUSSIA

Turkey Signs an Offensive and Defensive Treaty With the Czar.

Which Practically Makes the Sultan His Servant Instead of Friend.

And at Last Gives Russia an Outlet on the Mediterranean—What Next?

London, Jan. 23.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Constantinople, says that an offensive and defensive alliance has been concluded between Russia and Turkey, and adds that in the treaty signed at Constantinople ratifications were exchanged at St. Petersburg between Aurej Pasha and the Czar.

The basis of the treaty is declared to be on the lines of the Unkar Skelessi agreement of 1833, by which Turkey agreed in the event of Russia going to war, to close the Dardanelles to the warships of all nations. The Gazette then says that the treaty will soon be abandoned owing to the refusal of the Powers to recognize it. It also says that the French ambassador, M. Cambon, conferred with the Sultan yesterday. It is probable that France will be included in the new alliance.

Commenting on this dispatch, the Gazette says: "We regard the news as true, and the result of this treaty is that the Dardanelles are now the southern outpost of Russia, and Turkey is Russia's vassal. We presume that the British government will protest against the treaty for all that it is worth. The information is plainly of the very greatest importance. The first intimation reached us four days ago, but we withheld it until the arrival of strong confirmation, which we received this morning. This brings Russia into the Mediterranean with a vengeance, and may necessitate the strengthening of our fleet in those waters."

"Politically the effect will be far greater." The treaty means that Turkey realizes her own impotence against disorders both from within and without, and has decided to throw herself for safety into the arms of Russia. She is now Russia's vassal, and Russia is entitled to dispatch troops to any part of the Sultan's domains upon the least breach of order, and when there is none? We presume the arrangement will give the keenest satisfaction to the Anglo-Armenian section of our people. With them lies the chief blame for the complete alienation of Turkey, though it must be owned it has been sedulously fostered by the long term of weak policy that has obtained towards Constantinople."

Constantinople, Jan. 23.—In spite of the urgent representation of United States Minister Terrell, the Turkish government still hesitates to accord permission to the Armenian Red Cross society to distribute relief to the sufferers of Anatolia.

London, Jan. 23.—Officials of the foreign office, when questioned this afternoon, say that they have received no information regarding the statement telegraphed to the Pall Mall Gazette from Constantinople that an offensive and defensive alliance between Turkey and Russia has been formed by treaty recently and signed and ratified at St. Petersburg later.

The report that Queen Victoria was somewhat seriously indisposed, and the announcement of the treaty between Russia and Turkey had a disturbing influence on the stock exchange to-day. The markets were less firm, and in the afternoon, consols, after gaining 1-4 below the price of yesterday evening.

The latest bulletin from Osborne House, however, announces that the Queen is in good health, but is overwhelmed with grief at the death of Prince Henry, of Battenburg.

Officers of the Russian embassy here deny having any knowledge of the Russo-T

## LOW COMEDY TROUPE

SIR Richard Cartwright's Sarcastic Description of the Ottawa Performers.

The Several Rehearsals Held, and the Final Performance Now to Come

In the house of commons, when the reconstruction of the Bowell government had been announced, Sir Richard Cartwright said:

"It is not often I feel it my duty to differ from the hon. gentleman who sits beside me (Mr. Laurier), but few and rare as these occasions may be, this I am bound to confess is one of them. My hon. friend will pardon me when I say he takes the hon. gentleman opposite quite too seriously. (Laughter). He assumes that he is dealing with responsible statesmen. Now, viewed from that standpoint, I must admit that my hon. friend has not said a word too much, and, in fact, a good deal more might justly be said than he has said. But I submit to this hon. body that this is not the true standpoint from which those hon. gentlemen's actions should be regarded. As I understand it, we are here in the presence of Royal Ottawa Low Comedy Opera Troupe—dauber (laughter) and we should be grateful to them for the great benefit they have done us as a party, and for the amusement they have afforded, not to us, but to all Canada during some time past. (Renewed laughter.) As I understand it—I simply submit this to my hon. friend with all deference—what we have been listening to after all has really been a series of rehearsals. We had No 1 rehearsal, because I can hardly count the little episode of the hon. member for Pictou (Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper) as one, a sort of undress rehearsal, as we may call it in July, when three members of the cabinet went out, and one of whom being a person of some honor and self-respect said out. (Applause and laughter). Then we have lately what I may call a full dress rehearsal, when seven members went out, and practically seven came back, because the mere substitution of junior to senior really hardly affects the situation, as no one would more frankly admit than the hon. member for Pictou. (Laughter). Now, I would call the attention of the house to the real performance, which will not long be delayed, when all will go out and none come back. (Tremendous opposition cheering). In the meantime, allow me to congratulate these hon. gentlemen on the spectacular effect they have produced, entirely regardless of expense. I think you, Mr. Speaker, will admit—and I think that all constitutional authorities from the hon. member for Bothwell (Mr. Mills) down, will admit—it is of the highest moment that the ministry of the day, under a form of government like ours, should command the respect of the great mass of the people of this country, and the confidence of their followers, and if I may judge, I think those hon. gentlemen stayed out too long; they stayed until the weekly issues of the Conservative press were distributed, and, if I may judge from the effect of this on the country, they have utterly failed either to inspire the respect in the country or confidence among their own following. Now, let consider for one moment what that's whole farce means. It means, in my judgment, nothing less and nothing more than this: That this whole business has been transacted for the purpose, and for no other purpose than to make room for mine ancient acquaintance, Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., of the United Kingdom. (Laughter). It is impossible that such a crew as I see (Ministerial cries, "Oh! Oh!")—it is impossible that even such a crew could dream of returning except on a most distinct understanding, whether written or verbal, that within a very short space of time Sir Mackenzie Bowell must make way for Sir Charles Tupper, Bart."

Mr. Pope—"You are right for once." Sir Richard Cartwright—"Yes, right once, and right always and right all through. Not even their fronts of brass (and I give them credit for a very imaginable quantity of that commodity) not even their fronts of brass. I will do them that justice, and particularly the minister of railways, could entice me to sit very long under Sir Mackenzie Bowell in council after what has passed between them. And now, as for Mackenzie Bowell, and here I candidly confess that I feel some pity for that hon. gentleman. Up to the present time Sir Mackenzie Bowell might have fairly commanded sympathy, not merely of a great number of his own followers, but of a large proportion of the people of this country, irrespective of party. That was a sympathy which naturally went out to an old leader fighting for his life with his back to the wall against seven traitorous kneecappers (Hear, hear). But I am sorry to say for Mackenzie Bowell that although I am going to make great allowance for him I must say that he cannot expect the same measure of sympathy and respect when he has sunk to play the part of warning ronin to one of the most corrupt politicians our country has ever known. (Ministerial oh's.) As I have said, Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., is a very ancient acquaintance of mine. Using the word 'fame' in its scientific association, I may say that the fame of Sir Charles Tupper, if not precisely known in all the churches, is well known in all the provinces of the Dominion. It is well known that he graduated with high honors in his own particular school in Nova Scotia many years ago. N. S. aside Nutrie Leomin which, if my hon. friend from Pictou (Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper) will permit me, I will freely translate. N. S., which has been the dry nurse, nay, and the wet nurse, too, of probably the most pronounced type of boodlers this country has ever known—of dissent and disapproval from Government benches)—I say that with the most profound apology to those of my hon. friends from Nova Scotia who have helped us so well in driving that valiant class of individuals to the wall. Now, sir, I am bound to say that, know-

ing what tremendous pressure was exercised on Sir Mackenzie Bowell, I feel considerable pity for that hon. gentleman. I have no doubt whatever that his intentions originally were right, and I think some of those whom I know who have exercised this pressure upon him for the purpose of bringing together at all costs, and at all hazards men who have no possible ground for respecting and trusting each other—I say, sir, that they might very well have spared him in that. But all the same, and I say it with regret, I have to say, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, that if there be anything on earth which could justify the conduct of these gentlemen, he himself, by his own conduct in admitting them once more to his councils has gone far to justify them. And now as to the statements made. I have been given to understand, though I cannot imagine how the idea has got abroad—I have been given to understand that there have been some persons in this house who have insinuated in times past that I did not always attach the implicit credence which I ought to statements made by hon. gentlemen opposite. (Opposition laughter). I have been told so. Permit me to say on this occasion I am prepared to state here in my place in parliament that I attach implicit credence to the statement they have severally made about each other. (Renewed laughter). It is in the recollection of some hon. gentlemen here that the hon. the premier, in the hearing of many gentlemen around me, described himself not many days ago—I do not think you were in the chair at the time, Mr. Speaker—described himself on the floor of this house as having been living in the midst of traitors. Whether he did that or not, there is no doubt whatever that in his place in the senate chamber, speaking of this transaction, the premier declared he had got his words here that the conduct of his colleagues to him had been unparalleled in British history. And he went on to remark, although not exactly in these words, that he feared they were a set of scoundrels who had no reverence for gray hairs. (Opposition hear, hear's, and ministerial oh's). I suppose I must believe the statement made by the premier of this country in his place in the senate and I will therefore endeavor to do my duty accordingly. Similarly, I feel that when the minister of finance, speaking for himself and friends, and speaking mind you not lightly but speaking from a document carefully prepared and revised, when that gentleman with exceeding little circumlocution declared in the course of the document that the premier of Canada was an old fool and an obstinate one at that."

Mr. Foster, interrupting—"Ipssimma verba." Sir Richard Cartwright, continuing—Well, I think that is the literal translation. I suppose I must believe the finance minister too when he declared that. I suppose it is my duty to believe him and I will endeavor to do my duty on this occasion as always. Now, so far the case is plain sailing because, Mr. Speaker, you will observe—and I call the attention of the house carefully to the fact—you will observe that the statements made by the premier and minister of finance are not at all necessarily irreconcileable.

"But, sir, I am in a dilemma. What am I to do if a case should arise in which two of these honorable gentlemen should contradict each other, and that is a possibility? Light may arise out of the darkness, even if it is from the lurid illumination which may be shed by certain threatened lawsons on the subject, but as yet we are in darkness. Further, one great difficulty has been taken out of my way. I say it, and I will have the concurrence of every true and manly man in Canada, that the honor and character of its public men are the most valued possessions of any people. I say, furthermore, that anything which tends to lower and degrade the honor and character of public men in any country, tends to lower and degrade in the very highest degree the morality of that whole community, and that all the churches, colleges, clergymen and schools collected together will fail to undo in generations the evil which has been done by such exhibitions as those we have been compelled to witness within the last few days, unless the people—and that speedily—purge and purify themselves from all connection with them by inflicting condign punishment on the men who are responsible for such acts." (Cheers.)

—As perfect beauty is a passport to good society, so, "Odorama" conduces to good appearance,

HOLMES POSSIBLY INNOCENT. Detective Corbett claims to Have Evidence in That Direction.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Detective Corbett, who has been running down the various stories charging Holmes with murder in Chicago, claims to have evidence showing that H. H. Holmes did not commit a single murder in Chicago, and that Holmes' confession concerning the death of Nannie Williams is substantially correct. That the girl was beyond a doubt killed on July 6th at the flat occupied by Holmes and Minnie Williams at No. 1220 Wrightwood avenue. The body was taken to the castle and burned. The skull found at the police station at the castle was that of Nannie Williams, as the marks and fractures show.

Corbett also makes the following statement: "That Minnie Williams is alive and has been seen on the streets of this city during the past two weeks; that Edmeline Cigrande is also alive and is now living in Iowa; that Julia Connors and her daughter Pearl are alive and at present living in Michigan, and that Holmes will be able to prove a complete alibi in the case of Howard Piercy at Indianapolis. It is certain Holmes is a peculiar man and his relations with various young women were the cause of his present predicament."

Ayer's Hair Vigor is certainly a remarkable preparation and nothing like it has ever been produced. No matter how wavy and unmanageable the hair may be, under the influence of this incomparable dressing, it becomes soft, silky and pliable to the comb and brush.

We have just received another line of handsome piano lamps, together with a few wrought iron table lamps. Weiler Bros.

Gilmore & McCandless quote some attractive prices in men's clothing.

Pocket knives, scissors, etc., a specialty at Shore's Hardware.

## NOT QUITE PROBABLE

New York Commandery Discussing the Probability of War With Great Britain.

Navy of the Mother Country and America Compared by an American Naval Officer.

New York, Jan. 23.—The New York commandery of the military order of foreign wars of the United States held a meeting in the Brevoort house last night. After the business meeting a dinner was given. Rear Admiral Gherardi made the speech of the evening.

"The English are as stubborn as we are and they are just as proud. We have inherited these traits from them. I can assure you that England will fight, but the last people whom she wishes to fight with are ourselves.

"None of these modern warships have ever been in a great fight and we do not know what the results may be. But there is not any man who does not believe that old Monroe was right. But whom are we going to fight for—about as despicable and ungrateful a race as ever lived. These South Americans do not like us, and you cannot depend upon their word. They do not have a republic there in the sense that we have. They have no idea of anything but force of arms. When I was in Chile during the Baltimore affair I heard it said that the best thing we ever did was to put our hands on Chile.

"They have no more use for us than you have for a zebra. However, this does not affect the Monroe doctrine. We should say to Venezuela that no one shall interfere with her, not because we love her, but because she is on this side of the water. In a war with England we should overrun Canada in less than six weeks. But we have no ships to fight. We could injure her commerce, but we could not send a body of troops to Venezuela. If we made the attempt we would get them there about the time the Adventists' end of the world shall come.

"To-day we have only a few ships, scarcely any battleships. Cruisers are only meant to act as pickets. When England sends out a battleship it is accompanied by four cruisers. We want battleships, and until we get them we are not prepared to fight.

I do not think they would destroy New York, but they would bottle us up. It was shown during the late war that the forts cannot stop the ships.

England has laid down two rules: First, that her navy must be superior to that of any other power, and second, that it must not only be superior, but superior to that of any other nation that might ally itself to any power at war with England. England has such a navy and I wish to God we had it. Then it would be all right. England is spending hundreds of thousands of pounds annually on her coaling stations and fortifications at Halifax and St. Lucia. Every point about these fortifications is closely guarded. No workman is permitted to know the extent of the work, and the different workmen are changed frequently, so that they may not be able to sketch a plan of the fortifications."

THE TOURISTS TURNED BACK

A Special Excursion to Turkey Abandoned Through Fear of Danger.

New York, Jan. 23.—Two hundred tourists who had booked to visit Turkey and the East on a special excursion aboard the French liner La Touraine, scheduled to sail from New York February 4, were notified to-day that the trip was off. The acute condition of affairs in Turkey and the uncertainty of affording adequate protection to travelers in the domain of the Sultan caused the abandonment of the trip. The pleasure trip of the Friedland, which was scheduled to sail for the same territory on January 29, was given up for the same reasons.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Maurice Kossmann, western passenger agent of the Compagnie Reale Trans-Atlantique, has received a cablegram from the president of the company at Paris instructing him to cancel all engagements for the Mediterranean trip of the steamer La Touraine, leaving New York February 4. The liability of the excursionists to insult or attack by the natives determined the company to abandon the proposed trip.

THE DISTRESSED ARMENIANS.

One Hundred Thousand People Starving in Winter's Terrors.

New Briton, Conn., Jan. 23.—B. Argos, an American resident of this city, is in receipt of a letter from a friend in Armenia which states that between 5,000 and 10,000 have been massacred and that upwards of 100,000 are starving. The snow is several feet deep. Of 300 villages, 54 have been sacked and burned by the Turks and Kurds. The remainder are occupied by butchering soldiers. Twelve American missions in the district have been burned. The lives of Americans have been spared, but they are in great want and some are starving.

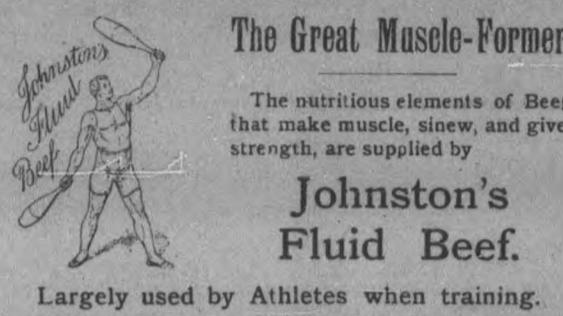
Lynn, Mass., Jan. 23.—The Armenians of this city have decided to form a military company for the purpose of taking up arms against Turkey if the necessity should arise. Already Armenian commands are drilling in Boston and Providence, and one is also in course of formation in Worcester. Word comes from New York to the Lynn colony that the Armenians there are arming themselves with American rifles of the latest improved pattern, and that semi-weekly drills are being held.

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REDUCED TO ONE-HALF.

Uncle Sam's Gold Reserve a Little More Than Fifty Millions of Dollars.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The treasury yesterday lost \$2,500,000 in gold bars for export, \$68,000 in coin and \$14,000 in jeweller's bars, making the total loss for the day \$2,522,000. This reduces the gold reserve to \$50,790,129.

New York, Jan. 23.—Lazard Freres will ship \$300,000 of gold to-morrow, making the total engagements this week \$2,450,000.

Gold bars to the amount of \$1,000,000 have been ordered at the assay office on account of the shipments to go to-day.

"Coffin nails" are to be cheaper, as the way a Chicago paper announces a reduction in the price of cigarettes.

## "LOOK IT UP."

Yes, dear reader, they have been "looking it up," and now that the HOUSES ARE LET, EXCEPT THE BIG ONE, we are turning our attention to the arable acreage that we offer at prices to defy competition.

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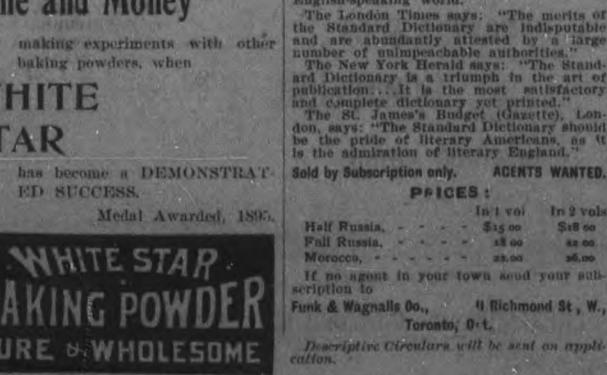
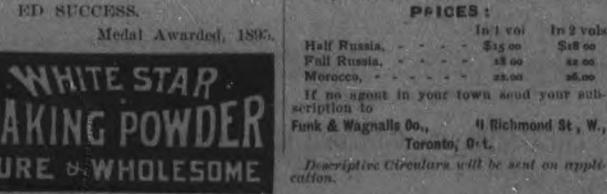
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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A Statement of How Last Year's Funds Were Expended is Presented.

Trustee Hayward Re-Elected Chairman and Mr. Ben Williams Secretary.

The first meeting of the board of school trustees as constituted for the present year was held last evening in the police court chambers, city hall. Trustee Hayward called the meeting to order and Secretary Williams read the returning officer's official notification of the election of Mrs. Helen Grant, and Messrs. Belyea, Yates and McMicking.

Trustee Saunders moved, and Trustee Belyea seconded, that Mr. Hayward be re-elected as chairman of the board. The motion was carried.

Mr. Hayward in accepting the position thanked the members for his election. He trusted that they would work as harmoniously as in the past.

Mr. Ben Williams was re-elected secretary of the board.

Trustees Belyea and Yates held that as the board is a corporate body, it was unnecessary to adopt the rules and regulations, as they are in force until the board sees fit to amend them.

Mrs. Helen B. Lee sent a communication to the board in which permission is asked for her girl to attend South Park school. Communication was received and filed and the request granted.

Mr. Munroe Miller, secretary of the board of trustees of Cedar Hill, invited the members of the Victoria board to a meeting to be held in the city hall on Friday next, for the purpose of discussing educational matters. The communication was received and the invitation accepted.

Donald Dallas, vice-principal of the Rock Bay school, asked for an increase of salary. A. B. McNeill, principal of the North Ward school, who has supervision of the Rock Bay school, also wrote to the board regarding the matter, stating that the work done by Mr. Dallas merits a larger salary than \$50 per month. The matter will be dealt with in the preparation of the estimates for the ensuing year.

W. T. Drake, trustee officer, sent in his report for the past month. Received and filed.

Trustee McMicking thought the board should do something to assist poor children who remain from school because their parents are unable to purchase necessary school books.

The following financial statement was ordered to be published when certified to by the city auditor:

**RECEIPTS.**  
Provincial govt. per capita grant \$18,000 00  
Provincial rev. tax, net 1,769 00  
Special rate of one mill 18,302 12  
Education loan by-law 1,243 11  
From gen. city revenue 4,240 02  
Total... \$53,645 79

**EXPENDITURE.**  
Teachers' salaries 337,773 10  
Janitors' salaries 2,768 50  
Fuel 816 00  
Bond and expenses 189 00  
Printing and advertising 69 45  
Furniture 1,808 62  
Supplies 208 60  
Repairs and alterations 2,474 85  
Fire Department 12 00  
Salmonid Water Co. 479 80  
Scavenger 213 00  
School attendance officer 20 00  
Rent, mission school 79 00  
Sandries N. O. S. 58 60  
Less sale buckets 818,000 00  
Improvement on loan account 1,243 11  
Interest Ed. loan 3,325 00  
Slipping fund Ed. loan 577 00  
Total expenditure \$53,645 79

Accounts for the past month, including one from the returning officer of \$156 for trustee election expenses, were referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.

H. S. Fairall, of Victoria West, asked permission to address the board regarding the sending of his children to the Central School.

Trustee Belyea knew nothing of the circumstances connected with the refusal of the board to grant Mr. Fairall's request, but he thought it would be establishing a bad precedent to allow parents or others to discuss matters with the board except in extraordinary cases.

If Mr. Fairall would send a communication to the board Trustee Belyea was sure it would receive due consideration.

Mr. Fairall stated that he had done so, but his request was refused without any tangible reason.

Chairman Hayward appointed the following standing committees:

Finance—Trustees Yates, Belyea and Lovell.

Supply—Trustees Saunders, McMicking and Grant.

Legislation—Trustees Belyea, Yates and McMicking.

Alteration and repairs—Trustees McMicking, Saunders and Yates.

Printing and Insurance—Trustees Grant, Lovell and Saunders.

Gymnasium—Trustees Lovell, Gram and Belyea.

It was decided that as heretofore the regular meetings of the board be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Trustee Belyea moved, and Trustee Yates seconded, that the secretary be instructed to prepare a draft estimate for the ensuing year, that each member of the board be furnished with a copy of the same not later than Saturday.

## Corporation of the City of Victoria.

## Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1895.

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Sinking Funds.	Loans.
Waterworks Loan by-laws 1873-80 \$73,064 65	Waterworks, 1873-80 \$92,500 00
Waterworks Loan by-laws 1878-87 12,638 25	Corporation, 1878-87 20,000 00
Corporation by-laws 1878-87 16,283 15	Police Light., 1885- 16,000 00
Public Lighting by-laws 1880-88 7,042 20	Drainage, 1882- 5,000 00
Drainage by-laws 1882-85 2,303 90	Waterworks, 1882- 75,000 00
Waterworks by-laws 1880-88 16,383 05	Streets and Bridges, 1880- 50,000 00
Streets and Bridges by-laws 1886-88 4,657 15	Johnson St. sewer, 1888- 30,000 00
Johnson street Sewer by-laws 1888- 3,137 75	1888- 30,000 00
Waterworks by-laws 1888-89 2,007 25	Waterworks, 1888- 30,000 00
Streets, Bridges and Cemetery by-laws 1889-90 6,105 10	Cemetery, 1889- 12,500 00
Waterworks by-laws 1889-90 9,484 10	Sewerage, 1889- 300,000 00
Waterworks by-laws 1889-90 8,135 90	Public Market Site, 1889- 45,000 00
Pleasure Grounds by-laws 1890-91 3,387 15	Fire Department, 1889- 15,000 00
Fire Department by-laws 1890-91 2,007 10	Streets, Bridges and Cemetery, 1880- 25,000 00
Four Mill Bonus by-laws 1890-91 2,026 60	Four Mill Bonus, 1880- 10,000 00
City Hall addition by-laws 1890-91 4,884 35	City Hall, addition, 1890- 35,000 00
Canal by-laws 1890-91 1,745 15	1890- 35,000 00
Sewerage by-laws 1890-91 14,456 95	Surface Drains, 1890- 12,000 00
Public Market Site by-laws 1890-91 2,168 55	Educational, 1890- 85,000 00
Public Market Building by-laws 1890-91 2,650 15	Electric Light, 1890- 55,000 00
Crematory by-laws 1890-91 1,142 20	Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, 1890- 23,000 00
Agricultural Ass'n by-laws 1890-91 2,026 80	Exhibition, 1890- 25,000 00
Land Clinic of Victoria Act by-laws 1890-91 2,619 05	Sewerage, 1890- 100,000 00
Act by-laws 1890-91 514,80	Waterworks, 1890- 150,000 00
Street Loan by-laws 1890-91 1,103 45	1,824,000 00
Surface Drains by-laws 1890-91 3,942 85	Contract deposit account 5,383 00
Educational Loan by-laws 1890-91 1,571 30	Unpaid interest 780 00
Electric Light by-laws 1890-91 381 28	
Province Royal Jubilee Hospital by-laws 1890-91 290 90	
Exhibition by-laws 1890-91 207 85	
Sewerage by-laws 1890-91 831 90	
Waterworks by-laws 1890-91 990 70	
	\$22,005 00

## MUNICIPAL TAXES AND FEES OUTSTANDING.

Water rents	\$ 8,742 20
Trade license	1,055 00
Insurance tax	750 00
Market rents	80 00
Land and Improvement tax	1,000 00
Trade rates and rents	51,220 20
Trade license	14,406 00
Liquor licenses	17,770 00
Fire insurance Co.'s tax	8,625 00
Police court dues and fees	9,420 00
Police fines	3,212 00
Cemetery fees	1,087 00
Dog tax	414 20
Fence fees	5,095 00
Market rents and fees	2,583 90
Market receipts	3,578 20
Provincial government in aid of Fire Department	500 00
Provincial government refund under Sec. 100 Municipal Act	1,962 00
Board of Health	3,047 00
Board of Health special rate	9,664 86
School Purposes special rate	4,172 56
	\$104,106 23

## BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

General account	1,103 45
Contract deposit act	5,383 00
Board of health fund	5,758 97
City of Victoria Act	75 20
Sewerage, 1894	17 56
Waterworks, 1894	66,152 12
School purposes	161 98
	\$1,830,163 00

City Hall, January 8, 1896. Certified Correct.

## BALANCE SHEET BROAD STREET LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT BY-LAW, 1892.

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Cash, Bank of B. N. A. ....	\$ 2,023 95
Corporation of Victoria being excess of liabilities over assets .....	8,764 05
	\$ 10,788 00

Certified Correct. JAS. L. RAYMUR, Auditor.

## CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

Loans under Authority of the Electric Lighting By-laws, 1891 and 1895.	
Balance on hand Electric Lighting by-law, 1894- ....	\$ 22,529 83
Transfer the Crematory by-law, 1895- ....	10,132 50
Material sold .....	155 00
Accrued interest .....	165 80
	\$ 33,883 13

City Hall, 6th January, 1896. CHAS. KENT, Treasurer.

## CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

Loan under authority of the Sewerage Loan By-law, 1894.	
Balance on hand ....	\$ 56,033 77
Empty cement barrels sold .....	180 40
Balance .....	55,853 37

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## CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

Loan under authority of the Waterworks By-law, 1894.	
Balance on hand ....	\$ 145,143 36
Material sold .....	20 00
Accrued interest .....	4,435 00

\$ 152,628 41

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## CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

JANUARY.						
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**JOSHUA DAVIES**  
AUCTIONEER,  
Room 7, - Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

THE REMEDIAL PROPOSAL.

It is reported from Ottawa that the government will not introduce the Manitoba remedial bill until after Sir Charles Tupper takes his place in the house. All the weight of the new member of the ministry will doubtless be required to force the measure through the house, and it is by no means certain of passing even with his assistance. This scheme of arbitrary interference with Manitoba's liberties is repugnant to great many of the members from all the provinces. Mr. McNeill, one of the most faithful Conservative members from Ontario, declared against it in the debate on the address, and many Conservatives from the same province will follow his example when the bill makes its appearance. The Toronto World, one of the most prominent of the Conservative papers, makes the following very significant remarks in one of its late issues:

"Supposing a mild, a very mild, remedial bill, giving some kind of separate schools to Manitoba, were passed at Ottawa. Would that settle it? On the contrary, would not the very next session bring a request for amending clauses giving further remedy to the alleged grievance of the minority. And once the minority succeeded in Manitoba, would not the agitation travel west into the four territories soon to become provinces, and into British Columbia, and then back to the Maritime Provinces? For years and years this agitation would go on and the country be kept in a ferment, and religious strife be rampant."

"Once for all, we say that it would be in the interest of the entire people to avert this agitation by refusing to interfere with Manitoba or any other province. Let the people of each province fight it out among themselves, but keep it out of federal politics. We believe that if it is left to the provinces some sort of settlement will be reached—a settlement, for instance, like that in New Brunswick. After Manitoba has declared, as she has unequivocally declared against federal interference, it is madness for the government at Ottawa to go on with their proposal. It is a proposal that no one but the Conservative government is committed to. And once the minority succeeded in Manitoba, would not the agitation travel west into the four territories soon to become provinces, and into British Columbia, and then back to the Maritime Provinces? For years and years this agitation would go on and the country be kept in a ferment, and religious strife be rampant."

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We repeat, we are bound to accept the explanation—otherwise we might have some lingering doubts.

And if we accept it (as we are bound to do) we cannot very well hereafter refuse to accept any statement bearing the ministerial brand.

The explanation thus frankly accepted effectively disposes of the theory that the ministers resigned because they found it impossible to carry on the government without a solicitor-general.

Unfortunately there are difficulties about reconciling this explanation with the explanation of the Hon. George Eulas Foster to the effect that the seven bolters resigned because they found their venerable leader suffered from moments of weakness for about twenty-four hours a day.

Are we equally bound to accept that statement?

In view of the evident fact that the old man has come out of the scirmache most conspicuously on top we think not. Oh, fie, George Eulas Foster.

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persons are charged by the Gazette, by implication, with lying for the purpose of influencing the Victoria election, or of "making fools of themselves and their cause." The Gazette, like the Colonist, may have "gone off its head" through chagrin, and may therefore be lying at random, without any purpose at all. It may be lying to relieve its own wounded feelings, or yet again its lies may be the product of malignity. In the latter case there can be no excuse for the offense, but otherwise some allowance may be made.

"Final reports put Mr. Cameron's majority in West Huron at 170. This is two hundred less than he had in 1891. Something of the same trouble that affected the Liberal party in North Ontario and Cardwell must be troubling it in Huron too." So says the Montreal Gazette, which dishonestly ignores the fact that Mr. Cameron was defeated at the last by-election by a majority of 17. If the Montreal organ desired to figure honestly it would point out that Mr. Cameron has gained 187 votes since that time, and an even greater number since 1887, when he was defeated by Mr. Porter. It would also acknowledge the fact that the gerrymander of 1882 was expected to make West Huron solidly Conservative. But let the Gazette apply its own arithmetical process to Victoria and state the result. If a decrease of two hundred in the Liberal-majority in West Huron in 1891 looks bad for the Liberals, what does a decrease of 500 in the Conservative majority in Victoria mean to the Gazette's party? Let the Gazette answer.

Calling Sir Charles Tupper a boodler caused a fight at Sydney, C. B. Nobody at this end of the Dominion would think of raising a row over so mild a description of Sir Charles' character as a politician.

MAGNA EST VERITAS ET PRE-  
VALEBIT.

Montreal Star (Independent Conserva-  
tive): Ananias is dead. Saphira is dead. But the government at Ottawa still lives, and the breed is in no imme-  
diate danger of extinction.

These melancholy reminiscences are suggested by the official explanation made in the house of commons yesterday by Sir Adolphus Caron, with reference to the recent ministerial strike, lock-out and resumption of work.

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**LOCAL NEWS.**

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a Condensed Form.

—Call at the London bar for Al Tom  
and Jerry.

—A private meeting of the city coun-  
cil was held this afternoon to discuss  
civic affairs again.

—Sergeant Langley left this morning  
for Alberni with Harry Jensen, who is  
wanted there for burglary.

—A meeting of the Liberal Associa-  
tion of Victoria West will be held this  
evening at Oldershaw's rooms.

—Opposition Committee No. 2 will  
meet at the Central committee rooms,  
22 Broad street, next door to Times Of-  
fice, this evening.

—A Rugby football match will be  
played at Beacon Hill on Saturday af-  
ternoon between the B. C. B. G. A.  
team and the second fifteen of the Vic-  
toria club.

—Next Thursday evening a concert  
and social will be given by St. Saviour's  
Church Literary Society in the school  
room of the church. An excellent pro-  
gramme is being arranged.

—W. G. Cartwheel, remanded from  
yesterday for insulting two young girls  
on Government street, was to-day fined  
\$22 or in default two months in jail.  
As he did not have the money he went  
to jail.

—The O. R. & N. Company's steamer  
Rhosina arrived last evening from the  
Orient and Honolulu via Portland.  
She has five Chinese passengers and  
250 tons of freight for here. After tak-  
ing on coal at Comox she will start on  
her return trip across the Pacific.

—A concert and social will be given  
by the members of St. Saviour's Liter-  
ary Society, in the school room adjoining  
the church, Victoria West, to-night  
at 8 p.m. A good programme of music  
has been provided and an enjoyable even-  
ing is in store for all who attend.

—There was a good attendance at the  
entertainment held in the Centennial  
Methodist church last evening. The  
programme was an excellent one and in-  
cluded a magic lantern exhibition and  
lecture by Postmaster Shakespeare,  
music by Professor Wickens' orchestra  
and singing by Mr. and Mrs. Spice.

—The ten members necessary to form  
a quorum were not present at the annual  
meeting of the B. C. Benevolent  
Society held in the Pioneer hall yes-  
terday afternoon. The few present de-  
cided to adjourn till Monday next, when  
it is hoped that a larger number of  
members will show their interest in the  
objectives of the society by attending the  
meeting.

—It is not often that Victorians have  
an opportunity of enjoying a moonlight  
excursion, dance, social and refresh-  
ments on the side for one ticket. They  
can, however, take advantage of the op-  
portunity next Friday evening, when a  
special train leaves Hillside avenue at 8  
o'clock for Saanichton, returning after  
the ball. The members of the L. O. L.  
No. 1597 will act the hosts and promise  
those attending a pleasant evening. Tic-  
kets \$1. Good music and programme.

The installation of officers of the  
British Columbia Circle 118, Compan-  
ions of the Forest, took place on Mon-  
day evening. The following officers  
were installed. C.C., Mrs. E. Coates;  
S.C.C., Mrs. Sellick; treasurer, Mrs.  
Charlton; financial secretary, Mrs.  
E. Lang; recording secretary, Mrs.  
Hapenny; right guide, Miss Charlton;  
left guide, Mrs. Dugdale; inside guard,  
Mrs. J. Caldwell; outside guard, P. J.  
Davies.

—John T. Pearl, the young man who,  
while at his post as watchman in Elmer's  
stamp mill, lost his life in the ter-  
rible snowslide near Juneau, December  
28, lived in Seattle for nearly five years.  
He was a brother of Mrs. R. C. Corey  
of that city and also of Mrs. H. Bos-  
wick, wife of a former well known at-  
torney of Seattle. J. F. Albright, who  
lost his life in the elevator accident of  
the Seattle National Bank building, was  
Pearl's uncle. The parents and two  
sisters of the young man reside in Ju-  
neau and a brother is in Salt Lake City.

—At the regular meeting of Court  
Cariboo, No. 743, I. O. F., held last  
night in St. Andrew's and Caledonian  
Society's hall, Blanchard street, the fol-  
lowing officers were elected for the en-  
coming term: B. Ronbough, C.D.S.C.R.;  
Ernest Hall, M.D., Court Physician; C.  
R. King, C.R.; D. Dewar, V.C.R.; A.  
L. Campbell, R.S.; W. S. Beckwith, F.  
S.; F. F. Raft, Treas.; Rev. John  
Bushell, chaplain; W. L. J. Prevost,  
W. Brunell, J.W.; W. Lawson,  
F.B.; F. W. Le Vatte, J.B.; J. S. Keele  
and J. L. Beckwith, Finance com-  
mittee, J. Waites, P.C.R.

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**WEST COAST ROUTE**

The C. P. N. Company Purchase a  
Steamer Thoroughly Adapted  
for the Route.

The Saint Pierre, Formerly on the  
Halifax-St. Pierre Route, is  
the Vessel.

The largely increased traffic on the  
West Coast of the Island has induced the  
Canadian Pacific Navigation Company  
to purchase a steamer thoroughly  
suited for the route. This they found  
in the screw steamer St. Pierre, which  
formerly ran between Halifax and St.  
Pierre. Former residents of Halifax  
say that the company could not have  
made a better choice. The St. Pierre  
was built to withstand the very roughest  
weather, lots of which she encountered  
during her service on the Halifax-St.  
Pierre route. She has splendid accom-  
modation for passengers and freight and  
besides is a fairly fast vessel.

Joseph Clark, the company's ship car-  
penter, went east to examine the ves-  
sel, and yesterday afternoon Capt. John  
Irving received a favorable report from  
him. The matter was immediately laid  
before the directors and they decided to  
make the purchase. Arrangements will  
be made to bring the boat around just as  
soon as possible.

The St. Pierre is a wooden vessel,  
well sheathed to protect her against the  
ice. She was built in Yarmouth in 1884  
by the Burrill-Johnson Iron Company  
for the Anglo-French Company. She  
was placed on the Halifax-St. Pierre  
route and remained there until a short  
time ago, when she gave way to a larger  
vessel. Her registered dimensions are:  
Length, 153.7; breadth, 27.6; depth,  
17.2; net tonnage, 275; gross tonnage,  
496, and under deck 433. Her engines  
are 95 horse-power.

The price paid by the company is not  
stated.

SCHOONER IDA ETTA.

Why Capt. Hughes Changed Her Flag  
and Register.

Speaking of Captain Hughes' action in  
registering the schooner Ida Etta under the  
British flag, a Port Townsend pa-  
per says:

"Among the passengers aboard the  
steamer Rosalie bound for Victoria yes-  
terday was a well known American  
captain bound there for the purpose of  
putting his vessel under the British  
flag. The gentleman in question was  
Captain W. A. Hughes, master and own-  
er of the sailing schooner Ida Etta, late  
of Seattle, and according to his story it  
will not be long before every vessel in  
that profitable trade will be under the  
protection of Her Majesty."

"On the 16th of January, 1895, Cap-  
tain Hughes applied to Deputy Collector  
Burns, of Seattle, for a clearance, it  
being his intention to hunt on the  
Japanese coast. His vessel at the time  
was recorded in the customs house under  
an enrollment and license, and ac-  
cording to the treasury department regu-  
lations no vessel can go to a foreign  
port with such papers. What should  
have been done by the official was to  
take up the enrollment and license and  
issue in lieu thereof a register under  
which, after proper clearance, the ves-  
sel would have been legally entitled to  
go foreign. This seemed, however, to  
'cut no ice' with Burns, for the clear-  
ance was regularly issued, and the ves-  
sel sailed away to the land of the Mik-  
ado. Arriving there the American con-  
sul reported the matter, and Captain  
Hughes was notified that upon return-  
ing to the United States his vessel  
would not be allowed to enter port unless  
he had obtained a British clearance.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 23.—News comes  
from Astoria that the pilots from the  
state of Washington who have been  
operating at the mouth of the Colum-  
bian river since the beginning of the  
shipping season have withdrawn from  
the field and tied up their schooners.  
One of the Oregon pilots speaking of  
the withdrawal of the men from the  
other side of the river, said: "The  
Washington pilots are in the habit of  
coming down the river in the busy season,  
getting the cream of the business,  
and then going back to their farms un-  
til the ships come in again. In this way  
they are under no expense in keeping  
up service during the dull months,  
while the Oregon pilots are in business  
all the year round."

Now, Captain Hughes was a good  
American citizen, and expected that an  
explanation would clear away the cloud  
hanging over his little craft through no  
fault of his, but he also took the pre-  
caution to be on the safe side. Accord-  
ingly, on his return, he cleared for Victoria,  
and then came over to 'see about things.' He came, 'saw,' and as a re-  
sult of the 'saw,' the United States will  
lose one of its vessels. Captain Hughes  
was informed that he had violated the  
laws in going foreign under license and  
enrollment, and that his vessel would  
be seized at the earliest opportunity. He  
at once determined that the opportunity  
would never be offered, for his vessel is  
now regularly registered as a British  
craft and can claim the protection of the  
crown in any part of the civilized or  
uncivilized globe, and what is more, in  
case of need, she will be protected.

"Information from other sources is to  
the effect that two other schooners, in  
the same trade, the Alsworth and M.  
Morrell, will be forced to the same  
extreme in the premises."

Mr. Evan-Thomas' two operettas,  
which appear at the Victoria Theatre  
on Friday the 24th, are full of catchy  
music and funny situations. Miss War-  
ren's singing and acting in "Quid Pro  
Qui" are exceptionally good; her ren-  
dering of the song "Once" is one of the  
gems of the evening. Mrs. Buntzen's  
singing and dancing in "Prizes and  
Blanks," are most artistic. The part  
of "Capias" in the above piece is safe  
in the hands of Mr. Evan-Thomas, who  
originated the part in London.

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that will never crumple, use No. 30,  
the heavy weight Fibre Chamoi. And  
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skirts where you need a more graceful  
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Burns' anniversary was celebrated  
last evening by a Scotch concert, given  
by the choir of the First Presbyterian  
church. The lecture room of the church  
was filled to the doors with an appreciative  
audience.

The first part of the programme was  
the amateur cantata, "The Wreck of the  
Argosy." The soloists were Little Marston  
(daughter of the innkeeper), Mrs. Gregson; Harry Stanchon (a  
British tar), Mr. H. Firth; Ralph Har-  
mon (pirate), Mr. J. G. Brown; Alice  
Harmon (Ralph's sister); Miss Baker;  
Will Sharp (coast guard), Mr. W. D.  
Kinnaid.

Interspersed throughout the cantata  
were many pretty selections, the choruses  
by thirty-five voices of the choir  
"Deep in the Dungeon" by Messrs. Firth and Brown; "Holy  
Father, Hear My Prayer," by Miss  
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## TRULY SHATTUCK RUNS AWAY.

Did Not Want To Testify Against Her Mother Charged With Murder.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Truly Shattuck, the young actress, has fled to avoid testifying against her mother, who is being tried for the murder of Harry Poole. Truly was the chief witness against her mother during the first trial, as Mrs. Shattuck shot the young man on account of his seduction of her daughter, and it was proved that Truly at the command of her mother wrote Poole a note which summoned him to her house the day he was shot. It is said that Miss Shattuck has accepted an engagement to sing in a Montana theatre, and that she sailed for Portland on Sunday. The trial was postponed to-day by Judge Belcher, who directed the police to apprehend the missing witness. The chief of police at Portland has been wired to intercept the fugitive.

Portland, Jan. 23.—Miss Truly Shattuck, the principal witness in the trial of her mother for the murder of Harry Poole in San Francisco, arrived on the steamer from San Francisco this afternoon. Chief of police Minto interviewed Miss Shattuck on her arrival, and learned that she was on her way to Great Falls, Mont., to fill an engagement in a theatre there. Chief Minto had no authority to arrest Miss Shattuck, as she was not under bonds, and he accordingly forwarded an affidavit to the San Francisco authorities to that effect. Miss Shattuck will probably continue her journey to Montana to-morrow.

## BRITAIN'S VOLCANOES.

They Produced the Greatest Dykes to be Seen in Parts of the Kingdom.

Sir Archibald Geikie, F. R. S., in a lecture before the Glasgow Geological Society, on "The Latest Volcanoes in the British Isles," says that the subject was one which had occupied him closely for the last twenty, and more especially for the last seven, years. These islands of ours were specially fortunate in the wonderfully complete record which they had within their borders of the history of volcanic action. He supposed there was no area of equal dimensions on the surface of the earth where the story of volcanic action had been recorded so completely and with such wonderfully voluminous details.

From the earliest geological times they had an almost continuous record of volcanic eruption along the western border of the European continent. There were once-active volcanoes along a great valley between the Outer Hebrides on the west and the mainland of Scotland on the east, and they extended from the south of Ayrshire, through the line of the Inner Hebrides, far north into the Faroe Isles, and beyond them into Iceland. The present Icelandic volcanoes were the lineal descendants of those which were in action in this country in older tertiary times.

The story of the volcanoes in this country was to be found by the side of the volcanoes in Iceland, and one of the most prominent features of the modern volcanoes in that country was that they did not form mountains like Etna and Vesuvius. Their dominant feature was the production of great rectilinear fissures, but there were also cones. Everyone who had sailed along the shores of the Clyde was familiar with the dykes that rose up sometimes with singular prominence along the shores of Arran, Bute, and the Cumbraes—great wall-like masses of black rock through some of the fissures produced during the time of the early tertiary volcanic eruptions. The eruptions appeared to have begun with the formation of these fissures. They had them in Ayrshire, Mull, Rum, Canna, Sanday and Skye. The Inner Hebrides were mere fragments of what may have been originally a volcanic plateau extending from Ayrshire in the south to the north of Skye. The successive outflows of basalt could be traced in layers in old river channels, and these layers had been repeated, at least four times in the history of the plateau, as shown in the islands of Canna and Sanday.

From the beginning of the story to the end, the production of fissures seemed to have been the fundamental fact. There was great difficulty in fixing the age, but, within the last few months, in the course of their work in the Geological Survey, they had come across evidence which would enable them to spell their way among the dykes of the whole Western Highlands. The volcanoes, however, belonged to a very recent period—to a time actually younger than the soft clay on which London is built. That clay was there before the volcanoes began to blaze forth. In closing, Sir Archibald referred to the subject of demolition or waste, which he described as one of the most fascinating departments of geology, and as one which gave valuable aid in enabling them to determine the age of different strata; and there was, he said, no place where the geologists could study that subject with more profit to himself and benefit to science than along the north shores of the Faroe Isles, where there were the finest sea cliffs in Europe, some of them 2000 feet in height.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Mother writes: "No trouble now getting the children to attend to their teeth, they like Odorom so much."

## CONDUCTOR'S WATCH STOPPED

And He Met the Other Train, With Fatal Results to One Man.

Sedalia, Mo., Jan. 23.—A north-bound freight train crashed into a south-bound passenger train on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad this morning, a mile south of Boonville, killing Frank Berry, fireman of the freight engine, and wounding the engineers of both trains. Al McDonald and A. Hesler, conductor Harvey J. Smith of the passenger train and Harris of the freight train. Hesler and Harris may die. Some of the passengers were hurt, none seriously, however. The fault seems to lie with the conductor of the freight train, whose watch stopped without his knowledge, and who supposed he had plenty of time to run from Pilot Grove to Boonville against the passenger train.

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The people have got the whole of it in their own hands, for it is not in circulation, and are using it either in ornaments, kept in a treasure-chest, or packed away in a hoarder's measure in coin, such as lies under almost every peasant's door in the Punjab and Eastern Bengal.

India is a treasure house of gold, yet no man may live fifty years in the British provinces and never see an ounce. The whole of the wealth, says Lord Roberts with perfect justice, and especially the gold which represents obviously and necessarily the wealth of the country, is due to the security, and security is due to the presence of that army of 80,000 white men, which is so often represented as a burden on the Indian Peasant.—London Tribune.

One Honest Man.

Dear Editor:—Please inform your readers that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest, home care, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and other weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, and thank Heaven I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp. L. A. Edwards, Jarvis, Ont.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA

NANAIMO.

(From our own correspondent)

Nanaimo, Jan. 23.—The members of the Nanaimo Art Club gave a free exhibition of work yesterday, and a large number of people availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the art gallery. The only male contributor was Prof. René Quentin, of Victoria. The exhibition was very successful and accomplished what it was intended to do.

The poultry show attracted a very large crowd yesterday, and the weather was most favorable for the occasion. This year there are about 500 exhibits, and it is claimed to be the most interesting show that has yet been held in the province. It, however, should have been well advertised.

The Caledonian Society will celebrate the Burns anniversary in the opera house on the night of the 24th by a grand ball.

It was a welcome sight to see a sailing vessel enter the harbor yesterday. Scenes of this kind are becoming rare in Nanaimo harbor.

TRAIL.

The merchants have decided to take a half day rest in each week, if they can get no more, and entered into an agreement among themselves to close after 1 p.m. on Sundays.

F. A. Heimze, the Butte capital who is at the head of the tramway and smelter companies, was here this week. He said his company would enter condemnatory proceedings to secure right of way through the Rossland townsite, and also that they would start a rival townsite some miles and a half from Rossland. They would build a wagon road from a point on the river opposite Trail to Sawayard, on the Nelson & Fort Shepard railway, a steel cable ferry being provided for the river crossing. "The smelter will start up in about a month," said Mr. Heimze, "and will handle the entire ore supply of this district, taking the entire output from the Le Roi and Iron Mask. We now have 45,000 tons of Le Roi ore on hand, valued at \$30 a ton, and will have 125,000 to 90 tons in the smelter constantly."

PORT STEELE.

The Upper Kootenay Navigation Co. is constructing a large and commodious steamboat at Jennings, Mont. It will be used for passenger and freight service on the Kootenay river, between Fort Steele and Jennings. The new boat will be larger than the Annerly, and of much greater capacity.

Messrs. Watson and Usher are busily engaged in running the tunnel on the Midnight. They are in eight feet.

The St. Eugene mine is working about ten men. They will have several thousand tons of ore ready for shipment in the spring.

The bond given by R. L. T. Galbraith, on the Cariboo placer ground, to the International company, of Bozeman, Mont., was taken up and paid for by them. The company are running a tunnel for the old channel.

Some time last fall a shaft was sunk to a depth of forty feet on the property of the International Placer Co., on Wild Horse Creek, finding gravel that paid as high as 75 cents to the ton, but as considerable water was encountered the company resolved to run a tunnel and tap what was supposed to be the old channel, at a depth of thirty feet below the bottom of the shaft, and are now in 212 feet, having run through a bed of gravel 90 feet in width and some 70 feet in depth. This gravel would pay well worked by hydraulic mining. The tunnel is now in what is thought to be the rim rock and will be continued until the abandoned shaft is reached.

A communication from Capt. B. W. Jones states that his tender for the transportation of 3000 tons of ore has been accepted by the executive committee of the North Star mine. Mr. Jones also stated that he would at once commence the construction of a large steamboat and have it completed by the time that navigation opened in the spring. Mr. Jones' contract is for the transportation of 3000 tons of ore from Fort Steele to Jennings, Mont.

KASLO.

Nelson Tribune.

The Kaslo-Slocan wagon road has been opened between Kaslo and Three Forks for travel, the parties operating from each end having met at the Fifteen-mile house on Monday evening.

Braden Brothers, of Helena, Mont., through their local agent, E. J. Mathews, have purchased from J. W. Stewart, the entire interest lately held by Robert Williams in the Lucky Jim group of mineral claims, and now have control of the property. They have already begun to ship ore. It goes to the Omaha-Grant works at Omaha.

None of Kaslo's old board of aldermen sought re-election, so that on Monday last J. D. Moore, George Whiteside, Colin Murdoch, Arthur Goodenough, and G. O. Buchanan were declared elected as aldermen for the ensuing year without opposition.

Robert F. Green is mayor-elect of Kaslo and will fill the chief magistrate's chair for the ensuing year. The vote was uncomfortably close, the electing candidate having only two votes to spare according to the returning officer's announcement.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Prospector.

The heavy machinery for the War Eagle, which has been held at the Waterhouse customs house, has been released.

It transpires that when the \$20,000 payment on the Iron Horse fell due the owners were not only offered \$10,000 cash, but only twenty days' extension was asked on the remaining \$10,000. It is believed that the matter will soon be fixed up.

Parties from Seattle have been looking over the Black Prince, a claim on the South Belt, about two miles this side of Trail, and some ore was brought in for assay, the samples going \$9.85 in gold. The Black Prince is owned by Messrs. Hand, Pfeifer and Lowering.

Yesterday, as the workmen employed in laying the pipes for the waterworks, were engaged in making an excavation from the main pipe line on Columbia avenue, to connect the Clifton hotel, they came across a three foot ledge of general bearing rock. At a depth of

five feet from the surface the ledge is clearly defined, and thought of low grade will undoubtedly improve with depth. The Alice mineral claim, located months ago, covers the ground where the find was made.

The surveying party of the C. P. R. is still encamped near the dairy ranch, half way between Rossland and Trail. It is generally believed that the right of way of this line, which runs from Revelstoke to Rossland, with a branch to Trail, will be cleared this winter, so as to be ready for grading as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring.

The finger of destiny is pointing toward Champion Creek, and it is highly probable that before many months it will be as widely known as Trail Creek is now. Among the best properties there are six feet of ore. The assays are showing well. The Champion Creek camp will have good transportation facilities, being only four miles from the Columbia river. It is reached by leaving the Columbia river at Rock Island, four miles below the town of Trail.

Negotiations on the Columbia river and Arrow Lake below Nakusp is stopped on account of ice, and the mails to and from the C. P. R. main line and eastern Canada are now carried round by way of Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver.

Rossland Miner.

It is stated on good authority that the Le Roi company will declare another dividend on the first of the month. At the same time a new twenty-drill air compressor will be ordered to take the place of the present plant which has proved entirely too small.

The drift from the bottom of the No. 1 shaft of the Homestake is now in 62 feet and shows two or three feet of clean shipping ore. About twelve feet more will bring this drift right under the No. 2 shaft, which like the No. 3 shaft at the mouth of the tunnel is being sunk on the part of the Le Roi.

On the Morning Star, owned by Lineman & Schmidt, of Butte, Montana, and managed by George Pfunder, work is being continued on the shaft which is now down about 15 feet. The ore has changed completely in character and is now identical with that taken out of the lowest levels of the Le Roi. The full width of the shaft is ore and every pound of it will pay.

H. P. Toronto has finished his contract on the Gopher. The shaft is now down forty feet and the whole of the bottom is shipping ore. The ore of the Gopher, though from the same lead as the Homestake, is of much higher grade in copper. Samples clear across the bottom of the shaft show a value of \$28 per ton with an average of about 6 per cent copper.

Frank Watson has succeeded in organizing a strong company to take hold of and develop his interests in this and the Boundary camps. It will be known as the Indiana Consolidated Mining and Development company. W. J. Harris, manager of the Le Roi, himself, general manager. The company has six men at present at work on the Indians, which adjoins the Mountain View on the north, running a big surface entrenchment across the ledge. They have a big showing of high grade galena there which in addition to carrying as high as 270 ounces of silver, runs from \$6 to \$20 in gold. A contract to sink a 20-foot shaft on the Fairview, which lies east of the Ziller, will be let shortly, and as soon as spring opens up a force of men will be put to work on the Tiger and Washington, two promising properties in the Boundary camp.

The big iron chute in the War Eagle from which ten thousand tons of shipping ore were extracted in the upper levels has been tapped by the No. 2 tunnel after running 700 feet. It is squarely under the works on the higher levels and will give the company another bonanza from which to pay dividends. This ore chute in the upper works was 125 feet long and averaged eight feet in width. The value of the ore, as is well known, exceeded \$40 to the ton in gold. This is the most important strike ever made in the camp as it demonstrates the continuity of the ore bodies in a highly satisfactory way. The No. 2 tunnel is 125 feet under the old workings vertically, so it is safe to predict that 15,000 tons, which will net \$60,000, will be got out of it. The other properties allied with the War Eagle continue to look as well as the most exacting could wish. The face of the No. 3 tunnel on the Iron Mask is all concentrating ore of high grade, while the tunnel on the Virginia has been taken up in East Kootenay.

No doubt this road is of great benefit to West Kootenay, but it requires a large stretch of imagination to see where this district derives advantage from a line of railway with which we have no connection whatever, and which does not traverse any portion of our territory. This land was to be exempt from taxation for five years subsequent to the completion of the road. That time must have nearly elapsed, and it is to be hoped that the government will see its way clear to assess the land at its proper value without fear or favor, so as to mitigate as nearly as possible the evils resulting from so much of our arable and grazing lands lying in a practically useless condition. Take this valley from Canal Flats to the international boundary line, a distance of 100 miles, with an average width of 8 miles, then consider that the lands comprised in this area consist of bottom and hay meadows adjoining the river and its tributaries, with rolling bunch-grass hills extending back to the mountains, and bear in mind that these grazing lands are in reality under the control of those parties who own the arable portions and hay meadows, then remember naturally, according to the privileges granted them, taken possession of about 130,000 acres of the most valuable locations. Take this acreage with what it controls out of the above area, and what remains for an intending settler? Of course, it is not to be expected that the lands can be redeemed to the Crown, but surely some pressure could be brought to bear on the present owners, compelling them to sell at a reasonable figure, so as to encourage farmers and ranchers to come in and settle in our midst. Numerous men have made inquiries lately concerning what lands are open for settlement, and they are met with the statement, that outside of a few isolated spots which still remain in the hands of the government, the rest of the country is practically locked up, being in the possession of companies, who either refuse to sell at all, or else demand an exorbitant figure, and consequently very naturally go elsewhere to seek a habitation and a home. This condition of affairs has a very different effect on the development

of the affairs of the country with regard to cattle raising and agricultural pursuits, and it is in great contrast to the thriving condition of our mineral interests, which is due to the care and ability which has always characterized the policy of the government in connection with mining matters.

The management will spare no effort to keep the road open and afford every needed facility for transportation in the mining interests and shippers generally. The late storms were unusually severe and protracted, and the management think their fight and success will compare favorably with some of the more pretentious broad gauge roads. A total of 649½ tons has been brought out since the blockade was raised, of which 373 tons will be forwarded to Eureka and the remainder to Great Falls. The statement also shows the large number of shipping properties in the Slocan. It is said that the Canadian Pacific has a large quantity of freight at Revelstoke and the head of Arrow Lake destined for Southern Kootenay, which will be forwarded to the various consignees and the remainder to Great Falls. The statement also shows the large number of shipping properties in the Slocan. 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